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COLONIES AND TRADE.

IN the fourth Volume of these Transactions, a Letter from Mr. George Wilfon, on the introduction of the Cinnamon-tree into the Island of Jamaica, is inserted : the following account, from the same Gentleman, confirming the thriving state of that valuable plant in that Island, cannot fail of proving highly satisfactory. The specimens produced to the Society having fully shown the tree to be of the true kind, and in a very promising state ; the Thanks of the Society were voted to Mr. WILSON, for this very satisfactory and interesting communication.

S I R,

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IN the year 1785, I had the honour, through your kindness, to present to the Society a leaf of the *Laurus Cinnamomi*, the product of Jamaica: I have now the happiness to transmit to you a specimen of the bark, which, considering that it was taken from a very young tree, eminently possesses the true flavour of the Cinnamon; and may encourage us to expect that, in a few years, we shall be able, from our own Islands, to rival the Dutch in the sale of that very elegant and valuable spice.

I have likewise sent, for your inspection, a specimen of the flowers and fruit, in spirits; and a dried sprig of the tree itself, with the blossoms upon it: these prove incontestably the thriving state of the plant,
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and its propagation: and my friend, Dr. Dancer, who sent them to me, and is Superintendent of the Botanic Garden in that Island, assures me that it has equalled his warmest expectations.

I beg to notice to you, that, although the bark is possessed, in a very high degree, of the true cinnamon flavour, the leaves have a mixed flavour of the clove and the cinnamon; in which the first unquestionably predominates: and a simple water, which I distilled from the leaves, is very highly impregnated with the same clove flavour; in proof of which I have sent you a sample of it.

I have also the pleasure to tell you, that the same Gentleman informs me, there will be an immense crop of mangoes this year; and that the mangosteen thrives very well, but has hitherto borne only male flowers.

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If you think this information worth the attention of the Society, in communicating it you will oblige

Yours, most respectfully,

G. WILSON.

Henricetta-Street,
August 13, 1788.

Mr. MORE.

P.S. I have inclosed a flight drawing of the specimen of the flowers and fruit, which are preserved in spirits.

This Drawing is reserved in the Collection of the Society, for the inspection of the Public.

REWARDS